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Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/5 of 13 October 1993 on observer status for the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and the framework for cooperation and coordination between the United Nations and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe[1] signed on 26 May 1993, as well as its resolutions 50/87 of 18 December 1995 and 51/57 of 12 December 1996 on cooperation between the two organizations,

Recalling also the declaration at the 1992 Helsinki Summit by the heads of State or Government of the participating States of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe of their understanding that the Conference is a regional arrangement in the sense of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations and as such provides an important link between European and global security,[2]

Acknowledging the increasing contribution of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to the establishment and maintenance of international peace and security in its region through activities in early warning and preventive diplomacy, including through the activities of the High Commissioner on National Minorities, crisis management, arms control and disarmament, post-

[1] See A/48/185, annex II.

[2] See A/47/361-S/24370, annex; see Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-seventh Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1992, document S/24370.

crisis stabilization and rehabilitation measures, and its efforts in supporting the economic dimension, as well as its crucial role in the human dimension,

Recalling the special ties between the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the Mediterranean Partners for Cooperation,

Underlining the continued importance of enhanced coordination and cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe,

1. Welcomes the report of the Secretary-General;[3]

2. Also welcomes the further improvement of cooperation and coordination in the past year, as well as progress in common work in the field between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe;

3. Further welcomes the Summit Declaration and the decisions adopted by the heads of State or Government of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe on 3 December 1996 at Lisbon, in particular the Lisbon Declaration on a Common and Comprehensive Security Model for Europe for the Twenty-first Century, including the decision to define in a platform for cooperative security modalities for cooperation between the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and other security organizations and the ongoing work within the framework of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, as well as the commitment of participating States to consider developing a charter on European security on the basis of the Lisbon Declaration;

4. Notes with appreciation decision 193 of 5 November 1997 of the Permanent Council of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to establish, under the aegis of the Permanent Council, a Representative on Freedom of the Media of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe;

5. Also notes with appreciation decision 194 of 5 November 1997 of the Permanent Council of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to establish within the secretariat of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe the position of a coordinator of economic and environmental activities of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, which, inter alia, will enhance interaction by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe with relevant international economic organizations, financial institutions and organizations active in the environmental field;

6. Commends the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe for the fulfilment, in cooperation with the United Nations, of the role assigned to it by the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the annexes thereto[4] (collectively the "Peace Agreement"), in particular for:

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[3] A/52/450.

[4] A/50/790-S/1995/999; see Official Records of the Security Council, Fiftieth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1995, document S/1995/999.

(a) The successful supervision of the preparation and the conduct of the municipal elections on 13 and 14 September 1997;

(b) The monitoring, together with other international organizations, of the development of human rights standards;

(c) The agreements concluded under its auspices on confidence- and security-building measures, as well as on subregional arms control;

(d) The efforts to contribute to the building of democratic structures and to the fostering of civil society, including the promotion of human rights standards, and welcomes in this context further cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe;

7. Welcomes the readiness of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to continue to contribute to a peaceful settlement in and around Bosnia and Herzegovina;

8. Welcomes also decision 190 of 26 September 1997 of the Permanent Council of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to supervise the preparation and conduct of elections in Republika Srpska;

9. Underlines the responsibility of the parties to speedy and full implementation of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the annexes thereto;

10. Underlines also the responsibility of the relevant authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina to implement fully the results of the municipal elections on 13 and 14 September 1997;

11. Welcomes the close cooperation between the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium, especially as regards confidence-building and reconciliation, as well as the strengthening of democratic institutions, processes and mechanisms at the municipal and district/county levels with the aim of achieving a peaceful reintegration and a safe return of refugees and displaced persons in the region; a continued high-quality police monitoring presence would make an important contribution to the success of the international efforts in that regard;

12. Welcomes also decision 176 of 26 June 1997 of the Permanent Council of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, to extend the mandate of the reinforced Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Mission in Croatia until 31 December 1998;

13. Commends the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe for the fulfilment of the role assigned to it in Albania in decision 160 of 27 March 1997 of the Permanent Council of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe within the security environment provided by the multinational protection force, authorized by the Security Council in its resolutions 1101 (1997) of 28 March 1997 and 1114 (1997) of 19 June 1997, in particular for:

(a) The establishment of a coordinating framework for the international efforts in Albania;

(b) The provision, in cooperation with other international organizations, of advice and assistance within its field of experience;

(c) The success of its assistance in the preparation and the conduct, as well as the monitoring, of the elections on 29 June and 6 July 1997;

14. Takes note of decision 185 of 18 September 1997 of the Permanent Council of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to establish an Advisory and Monitoring Group of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in Belarus;

15. Welcomes the cooperation between the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the United Nations in the peace process in Georgia, including through the Human Rights Office in Sukhumi;

16. Fully supports the activities of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to achieve a peaceful solution of the conflict dealt with by the Minsk Conference, and welcomes the cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in this regard;

17. Welcomes the continued close cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in Tajikistan, as well as the signing on 27 June 1997 of the General Agreement on the Establishment of Peace and National Accord in Tajikistan, and calls upon the parties to implement fully the General Agreement;

18. Requests the Secretary-General to continue exploring with the Chairman-in-Office and the Secretary-General of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe possibilities for further enhancement of cooperation, information exchange and coordination between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, in accordance with Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations and on the basis of the framework for cooperation and coordination between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, signed on 26 May 1993, avoiding as much as possible duplication and overlapping in those areas where both organizations have their own respective roles to play;

19. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe", and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session a report on cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in implementation of the present resolution.